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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: USG STATEMENT ON LEGALITY OF TRANSI-  
TIONAL ARRANGEMENTS  
REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1263 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED NYERERE'S PRAISE FOR OWEN'S MARCH 22  
STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT "HMG CONSIDERS THE  
NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO BE ILLEGAL, AS WAS THE PREVIOUS  
REGIME." REFTEL SUGGESTED USG CONSIDER SIMILAR LANGUAGE.

2. AT NOON BRIEFING MARCH 27, SPOKESMAN, IN RESPONSE TO  
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A QUESTION ON U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT,"  
NOTED THAT, "...THE SALISBURY REGIME IS REGARDED BY  
THE BRITISH AND US AS AN ILLEGAL REGIME. THEREFORE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IT MAKES OF THE KIND WE ARE  
TALKING ABOUT (THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT) ARE ALSO ILLEGAL."

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO CALL THIS STATE-

MENT TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS. VANCE

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